The Paradox of Memory

ISAIAH 43:16-18 (NIV)

This is what the Lord says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
"Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.





ISAIAH 43:19-21 (NIV)

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."





- 1. What would you like more of?
- 2. What would you like less of?
- 3. What would you like to grow in?
- 4. What is one word you'd like to characterise the year ahead?





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EXODUS 1:8 (NLT)

"Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done."

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ISAIAH 46:9 (NIV)

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.





ISAIAH 43:18 (NIV)

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ISAIAH 43:19 (NIV)

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"...one bar in that prison was the wistful sort of memory of the past that dulls one alertness to the present. Israel needed to be shocked out of such a lethargy."

PAUL D. HANSON

'Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching | Isaiah 40-66,' (1995, p. 73.)





ISAIAH 43:19 (NIV)

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Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?





ISAIAH 43:1-3 (NIV)

But now, this is what the Lord says—
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;





ISAIAH 43:1-3 (NIV)

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...





PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NIV)

"... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."





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LUKE 22:19 (NIV)

Do this in remembrance of me.





- One memory of God's goodness.
- One hope for the future.



